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APPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE  
Group Art Unit : 3731

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TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF APPLICATION

Sir:

Responsive to the February 15, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts and a check in the amount of \$65.00 are enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to

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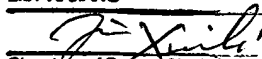
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

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